

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows on Page 19, lines 14-21:

While the proximal end of the outer tube 22 is prevented from moving distally by the bone interface washer 24, the distal end of the outer tube is pulled distally proximally by the guide wire 16 and dilator 20. The outer tube 22 is thereby subject to a compressive force which causes the anchor portion 44 to deploy i.e. as the ribs 46 of the outer tube i.e. fold radially outward (FIG. 12). Once the anchor portion 44 deploys, it engages the inner surface of the bone (i.e. the outer wall of the IM cavity) in the distal bone segment. Further turning the compression nut 26 causes the engaged distal bone segment 74 to be pulled against the proximal bone segment 72 thereby securing the fracture site under a compressive force.